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AMENDMENTS

In claim 41, line 17, delete "last" and insert -- least --.

On page 23, line 6, delete "7" and insert --5 --.

On page 23, line 22, delete "Figure 7" and insert -- Figures 5 and 6 --.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 63 – 74, inclusive.

Please add the following new claims:

Claim 75

A pre-packaged cheese bag, said bag comprising:

at least one sheet of web material having at least one fold structure and an opening located generally opposite said fold structure;

at least one reclosable fastener structure including a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom;

said skirt structure including a distal margin;

said distal margin being coupled to said web material at, at least one predetermined location; and

said pre-packaged cheese bag being filled with at least one cheese.

Claim 76

A pre-packaged cheese bag, said bag comprising:

at least one sheet of web material having at least one fold structure;

at least one reclosable fastener structure coupled to said sheet of web material at, at least one predetermined location said location being generally opposite said fold structure; and

said pre-packaged cheese bag being filled with at least one cheese.

Claim 77

A pre-packaged cheese bag, said bag comprising:

at least one sheet of web material;

a reclosable fastener structure coupled to said sheet of web material at, at least one predetermined location; and

a cheese sealed within said bag.

Claim 78

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 77 wherein said at least one sheet of web material further includes a fold structure located generally opposite said reclosable fastener structure.

Claim 79

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 75 wherein said skirt web material is integral to said reclosable fastener structure.

Claim 80

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 75 wherein said skirt web material is coupled to said reclosable fastener structure.

Claim 81

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 79 wherein said integral skirt includes an outside surface and an inside surface; the distal margin being located on the outside surface; the inside surface including a predetermined area having a releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

Claim 82

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 75 wherein said web material of said pre-packaged bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

Claim 83

The prepackaged cheese bag of claim 75 further including at least two areas of structural weakness and wherein said fold structure is located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness.

Claim 84

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 83 wherein said areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

Claim 85

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 83 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

Claim 86

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 85 wherein said predetermined dimension is width.

Claim 87

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 85 wherein said predetermined dimension is length.

Claim 88

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 83 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend non-linearly across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material.

Claim 89

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 88 wherein said predetermined dimension is width.

Claim 90

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 88 wherein said predetermined dimension is length.

Claim 91

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 83 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

Claim 92

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 83 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

Claim 93

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 83 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

Claim 94

The pre-packaged cheese bag of claim 83 wherein said areas of structural weakness micro-perforations.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments represent corrections of typographical errors and addition of claims supported in the specification. No new matter has been added. The claims are directed to a pre-packaged cheese bag having a slider-type reclosable fastener as seen in the figures.

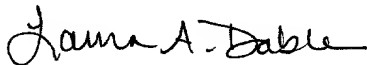
Claims 1 through 62, inclusive, and newly added claims 75 through 94, inclusive are hereby submitted for consideration under this new divisional application. Early allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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